

Intravitreal Anti-VEGF Treatment

Side Effects & Risks

Anti-VEGF are treatments where complications are rare and for most patients, the benefit of treatment outweighs the small risk of treatment complications.

Common Side Effects Immediately After Treatment

SORE, GRITTY, OR STINGY EYE

Resolves within a day, and can be soothed by artificial tears or lubricating ointment.

RED EYE

You may have a red eye after your treatment that usually resolves within 2 weeks and has no effect on your vision.

FLOATERS

You may see the medication as blobs or floaters. This resolves within 24-48 hours.

CORNEAL ABRASION

May feel like a foreign body sensation. It may also cause the eye to water or blurry vision. This usually goes away on its own but can be soothed with artificial tears or lubricating ointment.

When Should I be Concerned?

Endophthalmitis – is an extremely rare infection inside of the eye that can occur within one week after the treatment. If you experience blurry vision and discomfort within the first 24-48 hours this is normal. However, if after 48 hours you are noticing the vision getting worse and the eye becoming achy, red, or painful this is not normal. You need to be assessed on the same day.

Cataract – This can occur if the natural lens in the eye is touched during treatment creating a cloud known as a cataract. The medication may also increase the risk of cataract formation over time.

Retinal Tear or Detachment – After your treatment you may notice floaters. Floaters are normal and after 2 days they tend to dissipate. That is because you may actually be seeing your medication. If after 2 days they do not go away or you begin to see new floaters along with onset flashes, this could be a sign of a retinal tear or detachment which requires an urgent dilated eye exam.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY OF THE ABOVE:

- Email BarrieOcularSurgery@gmail.com and title your email: **URGENT**, so we can arrange an urgent assessment.
- During our office hours, walk in to our clinic and let our staff know about your urgent issue.
- If it's outside of the office hours and you are unable to reach us, please go to your emergency department and they will put you in contact with the Ophthalmologist on call.